

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink cartridge includes ink passages (5) which are spaced from a bottom part (2a) of a container by a fixed distance and extend parallel to the bottom part (2a) while being disposed within an area of the bottom part (2a), ink supply ports (7) having an opening surface at the ends of the ink passages (5), which the opening surface may be connected to ink guide members (38) communicating with an ink jet recording head (37) and directed perpendicular to the bottom part (2a). In the ink cartridge, the bottom part (2a) of the container is guided by a protrusion (39) of the carriage (33).

(Fig. 6a)